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## City of Alvin Appoints Michael Higgins as Chief Financial Officer



At the city council meeting, Thursday, February 21, 2019, City Council unanimously approved the City Manager's selection of Michael Higgins, to serve as Alvin's next Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Higgins holds a Master's in Accounting and Financial Management from Keller Graduate School, a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Chicago State University and is a Certified Governmental Finance Officer. He has over 20 years of managerial and governmental accounting experience from various governmental agencies in Indiana and Texas; serving most recently as the Finance Director for the City of Manvel, Texas, and as the Assistant Finance Director for the City of Missouri City, Texas.

Mr. Higgins also worked for the Harris County Auditor's Office in Houston, Texas. previous experiences include time spent as the Deputy Controller and Finance Director for the Gary, Indiana Sanitary District.

Michael grew up in Gary, Indiana, and now resides in Missouri City. He is the proud father of two daughters, one a sophomore in college, and the other a senior in high school, and one son, who is a sophomore in high school. Much of his personal time is spent volunteering in youth sports activities, such as coaching AAU basketball, and helping high school aged students obtain athletic scholarships. In his spare time, you will find Michael enjoying the outdoors, whether that be gardening, fishing, walking the family dog, or fixing odds and ends around the house.

Junru Roland, City Manager, stated, "The City of Alvin welcomes Mr. Higgins and the many years of experience he brings to the table. Mr. Higgins is a dedicated professional with solid knowledge of municipal finance and city operations."

"I was very excited initially to be considered as the City's next Chief Financial Officer", said Michael Higgins. "Then, once I was able to meet the city staff interview panel, I knew it was a great choice. They made me feel welcome from day one. The decision was very difficult because I worked with very good people at the City of Manvel." "Overall, I am looking forward to working with this City Council, Mr. Roland, and staff to carry on the City's legacy of responsible financial planning and discipline."